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FDA Dockets Management Branch (HFA-305)  
5630 Fischers Lane, Room 1061  
Rockville, Maryland 20852

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Re: Proposed FDA Regulations on GM0's

Dear Sir or Madam:

I strongly disapprove of the proposed federal regulations that neither call for mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods and products nor for mandatory safety testing of these foods and products before they are introduced to the public.

The success of our great country is based upon freedom of choice. By mandating the introduction of genetically engineered foods into the market without labeling, my freedom of choice is circumvented and I must -in order to protect it--navigate around what 'appears to be government bias towards the agro-science-business interests at the expense of human liberty. Although the controversy over this issue is very much alive and will continue to warrant testing and observation for many decades to come-1 and all other American citizens have a constitutional right to the freedom to make our own choice concerning our own bodies, minds and lives in the meantime. In order to uphold the birthrights of Americans; the mandatory labeling of genetically engineered foods is the bottom-line minimal protection we must be given. This mandatory labeling is a compromised position between the two polarized communities who before testing are convinced either of the safety or great danger of these products and, would show an unbiased stand by the FDA.

If I could hope for a world in which there was no compromise, I would call for a moratorium on the planting and sale of all GE food products until rigorous, independent, pre-market safety testing and mandatory labeling has been established. I honestly and sincerely feel that to institute anything less is a travesty against consumer protection and choice.

On a more personal human level; I hope that you and your family members and loved ones will not consume genetically engineered foods as a regular part of your diet. I am convinced as a health-care practitioner with over 20 years experience in alternative fields of healing -that there are high odds that there will be a damaging affect in the human reproductive tissues within a few generations if not less.

I know I speak for many other family members, friends and associates who have not taken time to write a letter. My stand is this:

IT IS UNAMERICAN AND BIASED AGAINST THE COMMON CITIZEN NOT TO DEMAND MANDATORY TESTING AND LABELING OF GENETICALLY ENGINEERED FOODS AND PRODUCTS.

TO NOT ENFORCE MANDATORY TESTING AND LABELING OF GE FOODS AND PRODUCTS IS GAMBLING WITH MY RIGHT TO LIFE, LIBERTY AND THE PURSUIT OF HAPPINESS WITHOUT MY CONSENT, I PROTEST.

I IMPLOR YOU TO TAKE A STRONG STAND TO PROTECT OUR FREEDOM OF CHOICE:

Thank you for your kind attention and assistance.

Truly yours, Bethelya Anuradha

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